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Subject: Cordless drill recommendations

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Date: 1993-08-18 15:21:26 PST

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1. Bosch 3050VSRK - 3/8 Dual-torque, variable speed, 5 step clutch,
2 (9.6)volt batterys, and case. \$134.00
2. Bosch 3051VSRK - 3/8 Dual-torque, keyless chuck, variable speed,
5 step clutch, 2 (9.6)volt batterys, and case. \$144.00

Thanks Mark

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Mark Reeder

Email : mark@raster.kodak.com

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Hi Tony---

Take a look at the new Panasonic Predator. Very light weight, nice grip,
plenty of torque, 15 minute recharge. I bought one last week (\$179) and
used it to attach pickets to a fence using 2 inch screws. Drove 80 screws
and the unit was going as strong at the end as the beginning. And my
wrists weren't tired.

Fred

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From: *davefr@nospam.com (*davefr@nospam.com)	Message 4 in thread
Subject: Re: Cordless Drill Recommendations	
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IMHO Panasonic is the best!!

Don't buy Milwaukee

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I would suggest that you take a look at the new Makita line with easily
changeable brushes. I bot the 12V with half inch shank and I think it's
great. Mind you I didn't try the Porter Cable. I tried the Dewalt and
Bosh but I prefered the Makita. No regrets.

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From: Ezra Herman (ezraherman@worldnet.att.net)

Message 6 in thread

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I tried the Makita but I didn't like the chuck and I found the whole feel of it distressingly cheap. I then returned it and got the Dewalt T-handle and have been very happy with it. If I had to do it all over again, though, I think I'd get the Dewalt 14.4. There is a wider selection of other cordless tools that use the same battery in the 14.4 than there are for the 12 volt.

Hope this helps-

Ezra Herman

From: Jon Slater (jslater@netshop.net)	Message 7 in thread
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Tony,

FWIW, I looked at several cordless drills and settled on the Bosch. It performs well and comes with two batteries and a one hour recharger. It feels lighter than the Dewalt, and doesn't put as much stress on the arm. A minor consideration, unless you happen to have arthritis :-)

Cheers,

Jon Slater

From: Bob T (nachoman@wolnet.com)	Message 8 in thread
Subject: Re: Cordless Drill Recommendations	
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You know, I was in love with my Makita 9.6 volt drill with the long handle. However, the 9.6 volts was marginal for driving long drywall screws for any length of time, so I picked up the 12 volt Makita when it became available (also with the long handle).

The 12 volt was nice, it even survived a fall off an 8' ladder onto a cement floor. But when the newer Makita model 12 volt came out with the higher capacity batteries, I needed one of those too. I swore this was all the drill I would ever need, and my drill buying days were over.

Guess what? You got it! One fateful day I picked up the new Makita 14.4 drill (6233DWAE) and nothing less would do.

Bottom line, as you will see from the replies to your posts, there are many nice cordless drills today, and everyone has there own experiences and opinions. The March 97 issue of Popular Woodworking rated 11 drills, and from their review it would appear that DeWalt is at the head of the pack (based on power output of both the 14.4 and 18 volt models), followed closely by Makita. However, you wouldn't go wrong with several of the drills. Try them all to see how they fit your hand, and go with one of the top brands that feels best (i.e. DeWalt, Makita, Bosch, Porter-Cable).

Based on my personal experience, I would go with the most powerful drill you can afford. The 14.4 is close to the price of the 12, not that much heavier for my use, and is much more powerful. The Makita 14.4 is by far quieter and more powerful than my other drills, but I still use them all. The only good news from my fickleness is that I now have the luxury of not having to change between a drill bits and screw driver bits, and I can go a long time between changing batteries!

Bob

So many drills and so little time.....

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Another opinion.

Personally I feel the voltage issue is a trade off with torque and length between charges vs the weight factor. The higher the voltage, the more the tool weighs. The NiCad batteries are 1.2 volts. Hence a 14.4 volt unit has 2 more cells than 12 volt.

I bought a Bosch 2310 (T handle) for the following reasons :

- 1) I liked the balance of the T handle and the general feel of the tool.
- 2) I thought the 12 volt battery would give me sufficient power between charges compared to heavier 14.4 volt units, and for my needs the 2310 is a great "compromise". I cannot imagine the weight of the new 18 volt units!.
- 3) I look for a cordless drill to have a chuck which is "braked" in some manner when not being powered to allow me to better remove drills, etc. which always seem tighter after use. Many models allow the chuck to freely rotate, and you need to grasp one part of the chuck whilst turning the other part. I personally discounted DeWalt and Makita for this reason, but I admit it is a personal preference.
- 4) I found the slide switch for forward <> reverse easy to use with one hand.
- 5) The 2310 has many clutch settings to allow more control when screwing, especially drywall screws.
- 6) I look for a drill which can control the variable speed smoothly from stop up to full speed. The DeWalt I tried did not always work at small depressions of the trigger, until about 1/2 way. I expect this was a "defective" unit. The Bosch is very smooth.

All in all, I would buy this tool again.

I previously had a Panasonic 9.6 volt drill which gave excellent service, until the batteries died. I then ended up finding it better to buy a new drill than replace the batteries. The bearings on the drill were showing wear due to the amount of use in building my extension. The local stores did not have the newer Panasonic's and so I bought the Bosch. I still think highly of my old Panasonic.

Dave.

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Subject: Re: Cordless Drill Recommendations
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I have the Dewalt 14.4 volt and it's a terrific drill. It has lots of

torque, excellent battery life and quite a few compatible tools that accept the same battery pack.

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